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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON IRISL CARGO INSPECTION PROVISION OF
UNSCR 1803 CONVEYED TO TAIWAN

REF: A. STATE 69339
[1](#)B. STATE 29464

Classified By: AIT Director Stephen M. Young,
Reasons: 1.4 (b/d)

[1](#)1. (S) AIT officers conveyed Ref A demarche on implementation of the IRISL cargo inspection provision of UNSCR 1803 to the Bureau of Foreign Trade (BOFT) on July 15, the Foreign Ministry on July 18, and Customs on July 21. Michael Hsu, Acting Director of MOFA's North American Affairs Department, told AIT that Taiwan takes the issue seriously and his office would pass the information to the relevant authorities. MOFA official Jack Su recalled that Taiwan had expressed an interest in joining PSI. MOFA officials and AIT discussed the extensive cooperation programs between the U.S. and Taiwan on export control issues.

[1](#)2. (S) BOFT officials noted that in March 2008, AIT had delivered another non-paper on UNSCR 1803 that dealt with restrictions and prohibitions on transfers to Iran of nuclear and nuclear-related items (Ref B). In response to the Ref B non-paper, BOFT had sent instructions to all relevant agencies in Taiwan to implement the provisions of UNSCR 1803, including those related to Iran Air Cargo and Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL). Because they had already taken these earlier steps, the BOFT officials said they did not plan further actions based on the new non-paper.

[1](#)3. (S) Customs officials told AIT that Customs had received instructions from BOFT related to the implementation of UNSCR 1803 in April 2008. Pursuant to BOFT's instructions, Customs forwarded information on Iran Air Cargo and IRISL to the local Customs offices located at Taiwan's international ports: Taipei, Keelung, Taichung, and Kaohsiung. Customs officials did not know whether Iran Air Cargo or IRISL cargo transits Taiwan. The officials said they would check their records and report transits or port calls, if any, to AIT.
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